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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS INVESTIGATION IN IRELAND

1. ACCORDING TO THE IRISH TIMES, TWO INVESTIGATORS FROM AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL HAVE ARRIVED IN IRELAND TO LOOK INTO ALLEGATIONS OF MISTREATMENT IN IRISH PRISONS AND OTHER ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE REPUBLIC. THE INVESTIGATORS ARE MS. ANGELA WRIGHT FROM AMNESTY'S LONDON OFFICE AND A DUTCH LAWYER, DR. DOUWE KORFF. THE IRISH TIMES ALSO REPORTED THAT AN IRISH PRIEST HELPING THE INVESTIGATORS WAS QUESTIONED BY THE POLICE AND HAD SOME OF HIS PAPERS CONFISCATED.

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2. COMMENT: THE IRISH TIMES HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM FOR SOME TIME ATTEMPTING TO DOCUMENT WHAT IT CLAIMS IS FAIRLY WIDESPREAD PRACTICES OF POLICE AND PRISON-WARDEN BRUTALITY IN THE REPUBLIC. UNFORTUNATELY, THE SMALL IRA SUPPORT CLAUQUE HAS CLIMBED UPON THE SAME BANDWAGON, THUS VITIATING THE IRISH TIMES EFFORT. THE IRA IS RATHER

UNPOPULAR AND THE POLICE ARE HIGHLY RESPECTED IN THE
REPUBLIC. WE HAVE NO INDEPENDENT EVIDENCE TO MAKE
ANY CONCLUSIONS ABOUT THE ALLEGATIONS, THOUGH WE
SUSPECT THERE MAY BE SOME ROUGHING UP OF SUSPECTS
FROM TIME TO TIME. IT IS FAIRLY CERTAIN THAT THERE
IS NO SYSTEMATIC PROGRAM OF BRUTALITY. HOWEVER,
THE SOVIET EMBASSY CAN READ THE NEWSPAPERS AND
MIGHT TRY TO USE SOME OF THESE ALLEGATIONS AT BELGRADE.
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